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Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

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New Bedford Conservation Commission
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133 William Street
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City of New Bedford Planning Department
133 William Street, Room 303
New Bedford MA 02740

RE: Project Location: Palmers Island in New Bedford
 Project Description: Install Trails, Invasive Species Management
 DEP Wetlands File No.: 049-0698
 NHESP File No.: **13-31824**

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for submitting the MESA Project Review Checklist, site plans (dated 9/9/2013, revised 10/7/2013) and other required materials to the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program of the MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (the "Division") for review pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) (MGL c.131A) and its implementing regulations (321 CMR 10.00).

Based on a review of the information that was provided and the information that is currently contained in our database, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, **will not result in a prohibited "take"** of state-listed rare species. This determination is a final decision of the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife pursuant to 321 CMR 10.18. Any changes to the proposed project or any additional work beyond that shown on the site plans may require an additional filing with the Division pursuant to the MESA. This project may be subject to further review if no physical work is commenced within five years from the date of issuance of this determination, or if there is a change to the project.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of state-listed species and their habitats. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Lauren Glorioso, Endangered Species Review Assistant, at (508) 389-6361.

Sincerely,

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